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INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE BIOMETRIC
IDENTIFICATION OF A PERSON

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TITLE

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE BIOMETRIC
IDENTIFICATION OF A PERSON**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an apparatus and to a method for the
biometric identification of a person, having an authentication area containing

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